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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

# **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

WESTERN EXPLORATION LLC, et al.,

Case No. 3:15-cv-00491-MMD-VPC

## **Plaintiffs.**

vs.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*et al.***

**MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION  
OF COUNSEL**

## **Defendants.**

16 Plaintiff, State of Nevada, by and through counsel, ADAM PAUL LAXALT,  
17 Attorney General of the State of Nevada, hereby move for the substitution of JOSEPH  
18 TARTAKOVSKY, Deputy Solicitor General, and hereby give notice that BRYAN L.  
19 STOCKTON, Senior Deputy Attorney General, will assume responsibility for  
20 representing Plaintiff, State of Nevada in the above-named action.

Deputy Solicitor General Joseph Tartakovsky is no longer with the Office of the Attorney General, and should be removed from this Court's docket as counsel of record and removed from electronic notices for this case.

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Due to this change, it is further respectfully requested that the Court and respective parties in this action direct all future pleadings and correspondence to the undersigned counsel at the address listed below.

**DATED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

**ADAM PAUL LAXALT**  
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By: /s/ Bryan L. Stockton  
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**IT IS SO ORDERED**

**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

DATED: May 4, 2018

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I, Esmeralda Velazquez hereby certify that I am an employee of the State of  
3 Nevada, Office of the Attorney General, and that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, I filed  
4 the foregoing MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL via this Court's electronic  
5 filing system, and served the same upon the respective parties in this action, registered  
6 to receive notice of filing through the Court's electronic service system.

/s/ Esmeralda I. Velazquez